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Public Act No. 08-28

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMITS FOR
TRANSITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE-ADMINISTERED
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

(d) [Cash assistance to a transitional individual shall be limited to a twenty-four-month period of eligibility with no more than ten months of assistance in the first twelve months of eligibility and no more than six months of assistance in the second twelve months of eligibility, except that such durational limits shall not apply to a transitional individual not classified as such solely due to mental illness or substance abuse or to a transitional individual who has a dependent child under eighteen years of age.] Prior to or upon discontinuance of assistance, a person previously determined to be a transitional individual may petition the commissioner to review the determination of his or her status. In such review, the commissioner shall consider factors, including, but not limited to: (1) Age; (2) education; (3) vocational training; (4) mental and physical health; and (5) employment history and shall make a determination of such person's

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ability to obtain gainful employment. [Upon determination by the commissioner that a transitional individual is not unemployable, the person shall be ineligible to receive cash assistance for one year, unless such person produces medical verification of a substantial deterioration in his or her physical or mental condition or a new condition of such severity and duration that it precludes employment for a period of at least six months.]

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